

Harvey Milk's 20th Yahrzeit Service and Tikkun Leyl

Twenty years ago, people gathered at Sha'ar Zahav to find comfort in community after the tragic death of Supervisor Harvey Milk. CSZ was a brand-new congregation, but it served as a focal point for people to mourn the death of this Jewish gay man. He was one of us, a Jew and out gay person, and also a hero and role model to our community.

Harvey still serves as an inspiration and icon to us all, the generation who remembers that fateful day in 1978 and the generation who has come of age post-Stonewall, post-Harvey Milk. Therefore, as a community, it is suitable that we play a central role in remembering and honoring Harvey Milk on the occasion of the 20th yahrzeit of his death. On November 20, we will hold a commemorative Shabbat service dedicated to Harvey's memory. The service, which will be held in our new building at 290 Dolores at 8:15 pm, will include our regular Shabbat liturgy and provide time to remember Harvey Milk and the accomplishments of the Gay Liberation movement over the past 20 years. Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, Brown and Katz, and Assemblywoman Migden, as well as friends of Harvey Milk, will join us in worship at this special service.

Since many of us did not sleep the night of Harvey Milk's assassination, we will have a Tikkun Leyl, an all-night study session following Shabbat services. Co-sponsored by CSZ and the Harvey Milk Institute, the Tikkun Leyl will begin with a time for sharing personal memories of Harvey and move into a study of Jewish texts on liberation and the modern history of the Gay Liberation movement. We will also remember the loss by assassination of important Jewish and world leaders and find inspiration in the courage of Harvey Milk and these leaders. Rabbi Jane Litman and Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Jonathan Katz and author Suzanne

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Harvey Milk. © Rink Foto.

Mishkan Dolores Matching Grant

—Tiela Chalmers

We are thrilled to announce that the congregation's Mishkan Dolores building campaign is the recipient of a \$50,000 challenge grant! With only \$110,000 left to raise in our \$1.75 million campaign, this grant offers us the chance to meet our goal and finish our new building on schedule. Between now and December 1, every new dollar pledged to the campaign will bring in another dollar, doubling of every new pledge and every increase of an existing pledge.

This generous challenge grant comes from two highly respected San Francisco foundations that are impressed by the success of our campaign so far, and by what our congregation is doing. The Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund is offering \$40,000, and the Columbia Foundation is offering \$10,000 in matching funds. Both expressed their admiration for what we have achieved and what we aspire to, and have offered us the chance to double every new dollar pledged between now and December 1.

So, if you have not yet made a pledge to the campaign or if you might be able to increase your pledge, now is the time. Every dollar you pledge will bring us another dollar. If you would like more information about this grant, or would like to talk about increasing or making a pledge, please contact Tiela Chalmers (386-6738 or tchalmers@sfbar.org) or Ellie Cohen (455-0416 or ellcohen@aol.com).

Mishkan Dolores December Dedication

—Tiela Chalmers

There is so much news about the new building, it's hard to know where to start. First things first: our new building is nearing completion! As you have noticed if you have passed 16th and Dolores recently, our new building is beginning to look almost done. The windows are in, doors will be installed shortly and refinishing work on the floor has started.

The building will be officially dedicated at Chanukah, on Saturday, December 19. The dedication ceremony will be at 5:30 pm, and will include havdalah and lighting the menorah. The clear glass windows, now installed on either side of the ark and above it, will be replaced that week with our new stained glass windows, designed and created by Jay Wolf Schlossberg-Cohen and Lucinda Shaw, highly respected artists from Baltimore. Jay is donating his time on this project, and both will be here for the dedication to talk about the multiple meanings of our new windows.

We will put up our new mezuzah and dance our Torahs into the new building, and once the Torahs have been danced in, we will spend the night celebrating, dedicating our new temple as we celebrate the rededication of the Temple at Chanukah. Our Chanukah/dedication party will include our own Gay Iz Mir klezmer band, dj dancing and, of course, food. We'll see you there! We also plan an open house for our neighbors on Sunday, December 20.

CSZ Moves!

We will be moving into our new Mishkan sometime this month, with our first service either on November 13 or November 20. Call the office for more details.

Harvey Milk, Remembered

There's a Yiddish saying derived from the Mishnah: "In a place where there are no *menschen*, strive to be a *mensch*." The word "*mensch*" in this context is a bit difficult to translate. A *mensch*, in this proverb, means a decent human being. It also means an authentic and genuine person, however imperfect she or he may be. And it means a person who summons up courage to face social adversity. Harvey Milk was such a *mensch*.



Rabbi Jane Litman

Harvey Milk was born to a secular Jewish family (who had changed their name from the Litvak "*Milkh*"), who taught him strong values of justice and equity. He joined the Navy, only to be oppressed and eventually discharged for his homosexuality. In his early 40s, he moved to San Francisco to live as an openly gay man. When Milk came to this city, the Castro was still a place where one could find a somewhat Bohemian atmosphere with cheap housing (how times change!). Milk opened a small business in the neighborhood, and was the driving force behind the founding of the Castro Valley Association, a merchant organization (of mostly gay-owned businesses which was modeled on similar ethnically based groups). Through the CVA, the gay community began to see itself as a political constituency, with its own agenda of basic rights and social programs.

Milk became a tireless organizer. He was very charming and funny. I remember going to listen to him in the mid-seventies as he gave a speech while running for office (an election he did not win). He opened with a variation on the toaster-oven joke made famous in the Ellen coming-out episode: "I'm here to recruit you. Let me know if you want to sign up." People went wild. Harvey Milk stood for gay pride in an era before that term existed. Milk ran for office a number of times before he was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1977.

This was a very different San Fran-

cisco from our own. It was an era before AIDS, though not before tragic and untimely death was well known to our communal life. It is painful and poignant to note that in Harvey Fierstein's early classic about gay life, "*Torch Song Trilogy*," the hero is a surviving spouse by dint of gay bashing, rather than AIDS, though of course both evils are as much the result of an uncaring and unresponsive society which did (and continues to do) little to respond to either open violence against g/l/b/t people or the epidemic which savages our community.

Harvey Milk was not spared from anti-gay hostility. He stood up to it. I heard him ridicule hecklers and stare down hatemongers. Unfortunately, though he worked for many years to become the first openly gay elected official, he served for less than one year. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the passage of a citywide Gay Civil Rights bill. Upon enactment of this bill, another supervisor, Dan White, resigned his seat, in a public gesture filled with contempt and hate for gay people. But even this grandiose act did not satisfy White's desire for vengeance. On November 27, 1978, 27 Heshvan 5739, White crawled into the basement of City Hall, came up the back stairs and murdered Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. Moscone was a brave man and a good friend to our community while alive, and a martyr in death. We mourn his passing and honor his memory as our ally when few would stand with us. Moscone is counted with Harvey Milk in death, as in life, among the *menschen*.

27 Heshvan 5759 falls on Monday, November 16. As is our custom, we will read Harvey Milk's name with the Kaddish list on the Shabbat of that week, Friday, November 20. Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to hold political office, an identified Jew, will always be a member of our *kehilah*. I have no doubt where Harvey Milk would have davened last Yom Kippur, had fate and hate not intervened.

"Who by fire, and who by flood," who by hate crime, and who by an assassin's bullet? We who have been sealed for life, are commanded to remember and honor those whose fate was otherwise.

Rabbi's Classes

It is not too late to sign up for Rabbi Litman's fall/winter classes. Queer Talmud, a brown-bag lunch discussion series, began in October and continues to meet every other Tuesday from noon to 1 pm at the Hobart Building, 582 Market at Montgomery, in the 10th floor conference room. This month we will only meet on November 10 and 24. You can drop in once or come every session.

Rabbi Litman will begin her weekly classes as soon as we move into the Mishkan. She will offer two classes each Wednesday, beginning November 18. The first, called "Deepening Your Jewish Spirituality," will begin at 7 pm and is a drop-in class at which participants will have the opportunity to explore core spiritual issues through open discussion, guided and silent meditation. The second class, beginning at 8 pm, will explore the origins and philosophical beliefs of Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist and Renewal Judaism. Call the office to sign up.

Rabbi News

Rabbi Litman's sermon on November 6 will be "What was the sin of Sodom?"

Rabbi Litman has been selected by the Cummings Foundation to join with other rabbinic leaders and Jewish scholars to study American Buddhism at Spirit Rock from November 8 through November 11.

On November 15, she will attend the UAHC Regional Board Meeting.

On November 20, Rabbi Litman will lead a service honoring the 20th anniversary of Harvey Milk's *yahrzeit*. Her sermon title will be: "Zecher Tzadik L'vracha: The Memory of a Righteous Person is a Blessing."

On November 24, she will be offering prayer at the Mayor's Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, and on November 30, she will attend the San Francisco Women Clergy Organization.

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Kadimah Korner

Kadimah would like to congratulate Ruby Cymrot-Wu and Jonah Levy for being awarded the Thomas Yazman Scholarship, awarded each year to an outstanding member of the B'nai Mitzvah class who has shown commitment to Judaism and Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and special effort in the b'nai mitzvah program. Congratulations also go to Leah Halperin on becoming bat mitzvah.

Kadimah's Hebrew class continues to meet on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 pm, with the exception of Thanksgiving week. There will not be any Kadimah on November 28.

We would like to introduce our Gan (Kindergarten) and Kitah Aleph teachers to you:

Jessica Wertlieb (Gan) is a professional kindergarten teacher who works both for Kadimah and for the Daly City school district. In addition to her experience in early childhood education, she has worked at Temple Emanu-El. Sarita Groisser (Kitah Aleph) has been teaching first grade and bilingual education for many years in San Francisco's

Kids at Sha'ar Zahav: A Dialogue for Parents and Non-Parents

Kids are at services with their coloring books. We have a professional Jewish educator who supervises our continually growing religious school. Pregnant women are no longer a novelty in our pews; neither are gay men who show up to Tashlich with strollers. Do you remember Sha'ar Zahav before the baby boom? Do you love parenting in the Sha'ar Zahav community? Do the squeals of babies at services ever bother you? Do you enjoy being able to hang out with kids from gay, Jewish families even though you are not a parent? We will discuss these and other issues focusing on children in our community on November 15 at 7 pm, the next in a series of diversity dialogues put on by CSZ's Adult Education/Talmud Torah Committee. The discussion will be held at Golden Gate Lutheran Church, 601 Dolores Street at 19th Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come share his or her views and learn from others at this open forum.

schools. For the past five years, her focus has been on private tutoring, and recently she took a position as an ESL tutor. Her fields of expertise include second-language acquisition and special education. Sarita is an active member of CSZ's Ritual Committee and the Va'ad. Dev Felder Noily (Kitah Aleph) is an active member of the Ritual Committee, and will be attending Rabbinic school next year. In her spare time, Dev is a professional trumpet instructor and has plans to jazz up Kadimah's music program.

See future issues for more biographies of Kadimah's staff.

Kadimah is also gearing up to move into the Mishkan. When we move in, we will have empty classroom spaces

CSZ Youth Group

CSZ's teen group is getting off the ground. Under the leadership of our new youth advisor, Meredith Fenton, the group had its first planning pizza dinner at the Cymrot-Wu's home, where ideas for upcoming events were generated. On October 18, teens spent the day together having fun and giving back to CSZ by helping paint at the Mishkan Dolores work day. They are looking forward to an upcoming havdallah bonfire-on-the-beach event. The congregation appreciates their volunteer time and looks forward to their increasing involvement in synagogue programming.

that we need to fill with school furniture. Kadimah needs the following items: small tables, little chairs, regular-sized chairs, chalk/dry erase boards, storage/book shelves, cork boards, new toys/games. If you have any of these, please contact David Shneer (575-4962) about your specific donations and the timetable for delivering materials once the building is ready.

Tot Shabbat

Toddlers/preschoolers and their families are invited to celebrate Shabbat together on Saturday morning, November 21, 1998 at 10 am. Since this will be our first Tot Shabbat in our new congregational home, we will learn about the symbols of a Jewish home. Following a brief interactive Shabbat service, we will make mezzuzot for our own homes and look at the congregation's mezzuzah on our new front door.

Tot Shabbat is usually on Friday evenings before the main service. Following a number of requests from parents, the toddler/preschooler planning committee decided to try having occasional Saturday morning Tot Shabbatot. We are trying to accommodate families who cannot come on Friday evenings and parents who have both a school-age child in Kadimah, which meets Shabbat morning, and a toddler/preschooler. We hope you will join us and let us know if Tot Shabbat on Saturday works for you.



Child care, Erev Rosh Hashanah service. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Two Brief and Important Items

Item One: Having just finished the High Holidays, I would like to thank logistics chairs, Joe Hample and Daphne Stuart, for the wonderful job they did in collecting a sterling group of volunteers. The ritual chairs, Nicole Bloom and Mike Rankin, also get well-deserved thanks and praise. The article on page 6 names all those who volunteered their time and energy to make this year a success, and I add my sincere thanks as well. And, as always, things could not have run so smoothly without Administrator Lea Salem, Educator David Schneer and Program Director Renée Bauer. Many, many thanks on behalf of the leadership and congregation to all of you.

Item Two: Those of you who were present at the congregational meeting in May 1997 remember that we voted to hire Rabbi Litman for a two year contract. Rabbi Litman subsequently joined us in August. We have now completed the first year of that contract and begun the second. It has been a year full of exciting and challenging events. Because the relationship between the Rabbi and the congregation is a special one and is very important to all of us, it is now time to begin the process of contract renewal. Many of you will also remember that prior to beginning the search which brought us Rabbi Litman, the congregation had the opportunity to provide extensive input into the qualities we believed would make a rabbi successful at CSZ. We used this list of qualities when we searched for a rabbi, and this resulted in the Search Committee recommending Rabbi Litman.

In keeping with our values of inclusive and participatory decision making, I believe it is necessary to have a process that includes member input into the contract renewal process. It is also in keeping with our values that this input be gathered and used in a way that honors and respects those involved, and is informative and productive. At the present time, the leadership and Rabbi Litman are working together to deter-

mine the method by which feedback will be gathered. Once we have agreed upon the process, which we expect to do within the next several weeks, information will be distributed to members. We are all committed to participating in this process in an open and inclusive way, and we look forward to the involved guidance of our members. Please be on the lookout for further information about how you can participate in this process.



Diana Buchbinder



Diana Buchbinder, Jonathan Pannor, Dev Felder Noily and Rabbi Jane Liman, Erev Rosh Hashanah. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

La'atid Shabbat Dinner

Do you rarely have time to have a Shabbat dinner before services? Do you miss leisurely, home-cooked meals on Friday evenings? Are you looking to make more connections at CSZ? If so, you are in luck. La'atid, Sha'ar Zahav's chavurah for folks who feel young, invites you to a Shabbat vegetarian potluck dinner on Friday evening, November 13, at 6 pm. Whether you are a seasoned member or are new to the CSZ community, if you are looking to meet new people, this event is for you. Dinner will be in the Dolores Park neighborhood so we can walk to 8:15 Shabbat services together. Call Renée in the office to sign up.

Thinking About Joining Sha'ar Zahav?

—Ami Zusman, Membership Chair

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav? Maybe you have come to our Friday night or High Holiday services for years or participated in other CSZ activities, and have questions about joining CSZ. If so, come talk with current members and celebrate Havdalah with us on Saturday, November 14, at 7 pm, at our brand new sanctuary at 290 Dolores Street (corner of 16th Street). Meet Rabbi Litman and CSZ leaders and members, tour our new building, enjoy home-baked desserts, and get all the information you've wanted about CSZ. To RSVP, call Sara Haber (621-1248) or Larry Wexler (510/523-6775).

CSZ Library News

—Joan Goldman, Library Chair

The CSZ library will resurface once we're in our new building, so I thought it might be time for a some bibliothoughts. The following are a few new Judaica titles that may be of interest (and then, after you're through reading them, you might just want to pass them along to the library):

- Tony Kushner (yes, that Kushner), et al. *A Dybbuk and Other Tales of the Supernatural*. Kushner's adaptation of Yiddish theater classic by Ansky. Also includes other Ansky selections, supernatural and apocalyptic.

- Joseph Bau. *Dear God, Have You Ever Gone Hungry?* Holocaust memoir from two who were in Schindler's story. Rebecca Bau talked her way out of Auschwitz's gas chambers three times and got her husband on Schindler's train.

- Stella Suberman. *The Jew Store*. Community spirit vs bigotry. From the shtetl to small town Tennessee in the 1920s—the only Jewish family (and Jewish store) in town.

Incidentally, if you didn't get to demolish or paint the new building, you can still help make it our home. Fabulous volunteer opportunities await on the Library Committee, including unpacking our boxes of books and restocking our shelves. To volunteer, contact Joan Goldman (648-3254 or joang@sfppl.lib.ca.us).

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Tikkun Olam/Social Action Projects

Dinner With Our Neighbors

CSZ's Tikkun Olam/Social Action committee has decided to encourage our congregation to do hands-on "Good Neighbor" projects as CSZ is now centrally located in the Mission District. In October, CSZ volunteers spent a day helping build a Habitat for Humanity house on South Van Ness Avenue. This month on Sunday, November 15, CSZ volunteers will be preparing and sharing a dinner with the shelter guests at Dolores Street Community Services, Dolores Street Shelter. The shelter, which primarily serves Latino day laborers, is on the same block as our new Mishkan, at 208 Dolores. The committee envisions this project as the beginning of an ongoing relationship between CSZ and the Dolores Street Shelter. Don't miss this opportunity to get acquainted with, and help out, our new neighbors. Call Allan Berenstein (863-8033) to sign up for this rewarding and fun tzedakah project.

Project Open Hand Holiday Helpers

Sha'ar Zahav is celebrating its tenth year of working with Jewish Family and Children's Services to take over all the Project Open Hand volunteer shifts during Christmas. Our volunteers ensure

that Project Open Hand clients, people living with HIV or AIDS, don't miss even a single hot meal. For many Sha'ar Zahavniks, volunteering at Open Hand on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day has become an annual tradition. If you have never participated in this project, try it out this year. For seasoned volunteers, it is time to sign up for your shift. See the inserted flier for more details and a sign-up form.

Russian Speakers Needed

The Tikkun Olam committee is beginning to do outreach to Russian Jewish residents at Notre Dame Senior Plaza, next door to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. In order to build this relationship, we need assistance from congregants who are Russian speakers. If you have any level of Russian language skills and are willing to help, call Allan Berenstein (863-8033).

Thank You

Eight Sha'ar Zahav members volunteered to deliver Rosh Hashanah baskets to Jewish Family and Children's Services clients on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We thank each of them for providing a sweet start to the new year for the isolated Jews they visited.

HIV + Support Group

CSZ has an ongoing drop-in support group each month, for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners, in addition to quarterly Shabbat dinners. Mark your calendars:

Saturday, November 14 at 3 pm:
Drop-in support group, location TBA.

For further information, please call the synagogue office.

Todah Rabah, Julie Moed

Julie Moed recently resigned from the CSZ board to spend more time with her partner and their two children. We want to thank Julie for her years of service to CSZ.

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—Renée Bauer, Nicole Bloom, Prudence Carter,
Lyssa Friedman, Joe Hample, Lisa Katz, Jose Luis
Moscovich, Lea Salem and Jeff Sherman

Thanks to all who worked to make the High Holidays a success, with special thanks to the following people. Each is listed only once, though some volunteered in more than one area. If your name has been omitted, please accept our apologies.

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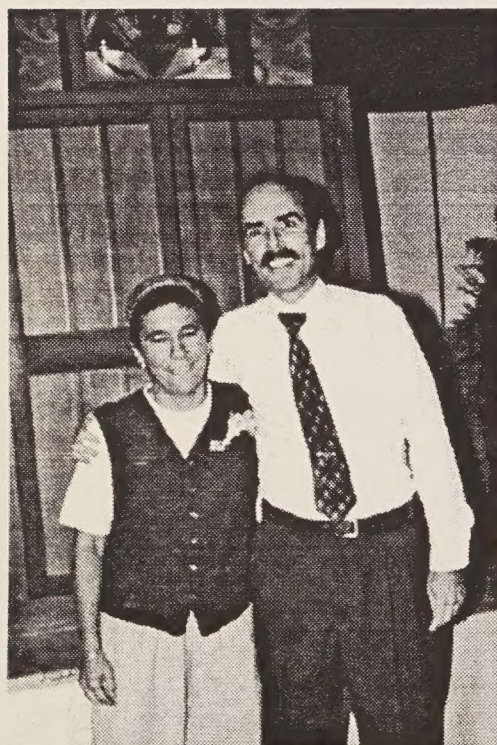
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High Holy Days coordinators Daphne Stuart and Joe Hample. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



High Holiday Oneg preparers Deborah Udin, Susan Unger, Pam Erwin and Lucy Cefalu. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Folsom Street Fair Thanks

—Joe Hample

Thanks to all who worked on CSZ's booth at the Folsom Street Fair, especially the following people:

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Sandy Lofchie
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Richard Sinkoff
Larry Wexler

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Anniversaries

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Naches

To Paula Fleisher and Lucy Bernholz, on their wedding.

To Raphael Hoch, Seth Frohman and Claire Hoch-Frohman, on the arrival and naming of Bette Fanny Hoch-Frohman.

To Alice Prussin, Smokey Cormier and Rina Prussin, on the arrival of Anya Olesya Prussin.

To Annie and Nora Downs, on their taking Hebrew names.

To Leah Halperin, on becoming bat mitzvah.

To Darryl Morrell and Dennis May, on their wedding.

To Debra Kaufman and Aaron Richardson, on the birth of their daughter, Laurel Jane Kaufman Richardson.

To Allan Berenstein, on his receiving the Thomas Tull Award from Dolores Street Community Services, in recognition of his work for people living with HIV/AIDS.

To Al Baum, on his receiving a service award from Dolores Street Community Services for his help in making the Richard M. Cohen Residence a reality.

To Jonathan Katz, on his appointment to teach in the Department of Gay and Lesbian Studies at the University of Amsterdam, and on the publication of his book, *Difference/Indifference: John Cage, Marcel Duchamp and Postmodernism*, co-written with Moira Roth.

To Ellie Cohen and Greta Miskatel, on their new home.

To Merry Luskin, on attaining her Masters' Degree in Library and Information Science.

To Ari Grossman-Naples, on graduating from Pratt College with a diploma in Graphic Design and Multimedia.

To Howard Steiermann, on his new home.

To Leah Finch, Adrienne Hornby and Chris and Sean Hornby-Finch, on their new home.

To Chaya Rivka Mayerson, on the completion of her Ph.D.

To Sarita Groisser, on her new job with the San Francisco Unified School District.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Mike Rankin, on the death of his sister, Sylvia Sanders.

Eileen Dunn, on the death of her mother, Evelyn Dunn.

Robert Tat, on the death of his cousin, Andy Fingeroot.

Members' Yahrzeits

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Loebl will be among the teachers who will inspire us throughout the night. Everyone is welcome to come to all or part of the Tikkun Leyl. Call Renée in the office for more information or to volunteer at this event.

Contributions

Adult Education Fund

Eva Bernstein and Alex Gersznowicz, in honor of the birth of Yannai Simon Kashtan.
Ruth Rainero, in honor of Michael Schwartz's becoming bar mitzvah.
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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

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 Shannon Bloom
 Sandi Borok
 Chuck Cohen
 Jeri Lynn Cohen
 Dari Flood
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 Suzanne Friedman and Becca Blumen
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We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

New E-Mail Addresses

It seems like everything is new (or relatively new) at CSZ these days: rabbi, building, High Holiday location. So why not e-mail addresses? You can still use the old address, but if you want your e-mail to reach a designated person, try one of the following:

CSZ Office
 (including Administrator Lea Salem)
 office@shaarzahav.org

Rabbi Jane Litman
 rabbijanelitman@shaarzahav.org

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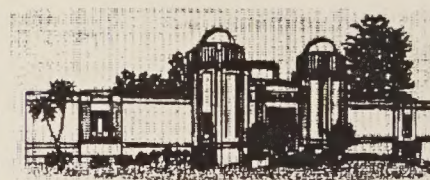
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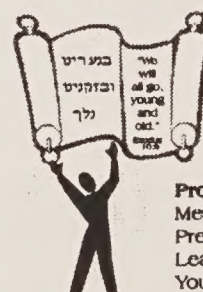


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Birthdays

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3	Adrienne Hornby
3	Elaine Porter
3	Benjamin Ritzma Porter
4	Matrisha Person
5	Seth Frohman
5	Sophie Litschwartz
5	Eric Weiss
6	Ruby Gold
8	Misha Cohen
8	Tova Green
9	Stephan Howard
10	Elijah Lezell Jatovsky
11	Patricia Lin
12	Micha Klain-Chavez
12	Richard Weiner
13	Zachary Barnes Miller
14	Jonathan Goldman
15	Allton Vogel-Denebeim
17	Haggai Wolff
18	Joel Levine
19	Susan Kirshbaum
20	Alan Gordon
21	Bill Goldstein
21	Dorothy Goldstein-Stahl
21	Debra Kaufman
21	Mara Shuster-Lefkowitz
22	Shannon Bloom
22	Byron Sigal
24	Mark Bowers
24	Ellie Cohen
25	William Koumas
26	Rachel Dyner-Hamolsky
26	Nancy Kates
27	Michael Singer
28	Alison Cohen
28	Beatrice Lieberman
28	Judy Schwartz
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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month.

1 Sunday 12 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 pm, New Members Potluck, 345 Church Street 	9 Monday 20 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 pm, Newsletter layout 	15 Sunday 26 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-6 pm, Prepare and serve dinner at Dolores Street Community Services, Dolores Street Shelter • 7 pm, Diversity Dialogue: Kids at Sha'ar Zahav, a dialogue for parents and nonparents 	22 Sunday 3 Kislev
2 Monday 13 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm, Children's Education Board 	10 Tuesday 21 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 noon, Queer Talmud, 582 Market, 10th floor conference room 	16 Monday 27 Heshvan	23 Monday 4 Kislev
3 Tuesday 14 Heshvan	11 Wednesday 22 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pm, Kadimah 	17 Tuesday 28 Heshvan	24 Tuesday 5 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 noon, Queer Talmud, 582 Market, 10th floor conference room
4 Wednesday 15 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pm, Kadimah • 7 pm, Newsletter editing 	12 Thursday 23 Heshvan	18 Wednesday 29 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pm, Kadimah • 7 pm, Deepening Jewish Spirituality Class • 8 pm, Comparative Judaism Class 	25 Wednesday 6 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Kadimah
5 Thursday 16 Heshvan	13 Friday 24 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:42 pm, Candle lighting • 6 pm, La'atid potluck • 7:15 pm, Niggun service, led by Jhos Singer • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Chayei Sarah, led by Eileen Levy and Dev Naily 	19 Thursday 30 Heshvan	26 Thursday 7 Kislev Thanksgiving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office closed
6 Friday 17 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:48 pm, Candle lighting • 7 pm, Early service, led by Ora Prochovnick • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Vayera, led by Rabbi Litman and Barak Gale, sermon by Rabbi Litman; welcome of new members 	14 Saturday 25 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am, Kadimah • 10 am, Shabbat morning service, led by Tiela Chalmers, Ruthy Talansky and Annie Downs • 3 pm, HIV Support Group • 7 pm, Prospective Members Havdalah 	20 Friday 1 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:37 pm, Candle lighting • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Toledot, led by Rabbi Litman and Jonathan Funk, sermon by Rabbi Litman; yahrzeit of Harvey Milk, followed by all-night Tikkun Leyl 	27 Friday 8 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:34 Candle lighting • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Va-Yetze, led by Nina Wouk, Torah Service, aufruf of Rachel MacLachlan & Nancy Silverrod
7 Saturday 18 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am, Kadimah 		21 Saturday 2 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am, Kadimah • 10 am, Tot Shabbat 	28 Saturday 9 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Kadimah
8 Sunday 19 Heshvan			29 Sunday 10 Kislev
			30 Monday 11 Kislev

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